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ADVISORY ACTION

This Office Action is in response to Applicants' proposed amendment and response after FINAL filed on 20 September 2010.

Applicants' proposed amendment adding new limitations in the proposed amended claim 1, the independent claim, presents a new issue for search and consideration by the Examiner since the limitation of the claims and scope of claims have been changed and would thus require a new search and new rejections.

Therefore, the proposed amendment After Final will not be entered.

Applicants' arguments, submitted 20 September 2010 with respect to the rejection of instant claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 14, 15, 21 and 22, under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP2003-252904 by Kakuchi *et al.*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,900,241 to Roulier *et al.*, have been fully considered but are not persuasive in view of the proposed amendment not entered. Specifically, Applicants argue that the prior art does not teach an external preparation for the skin that is a liquid or lotion, nor does the prior art disclose a composition that further includes silicone oil. This argument is not persuasive in view of the proposed amendment not entered.

Applicants' arguments, submitted 20 September 2010 with respect to the rejection of instant claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 14, 15, 21 and 22, under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP2003-252904 by Kakuchi *et al.*, in view of PG Pub No. US 2002/00065328 A1 by Dederen *et al.*, have been fully considered but are not persuasive

in view of the proposed amendment not entered. Specifically, Applicants argue that claim 1 has been amended to recite that the branching degree of the multi-branched polysaccharide is 0.05 to 1.00. This argument is not persuasive in view of the proposed amendment not entered. Furthermore, while it is noted that Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a branching degree of the multi-branched polysaccharide of 0.05 to 1.00 in an attempt to be commensurate in scope with their arguments of unexpected results as shown in the Declaration dated 13 April 2010, it is not readily apparent that the single multi-branched polysaccharide with a branching degree of 0.5 is sufficient to represent the entire branching degree range of 0.05 to 1.00.

All rejections of record in the Final Office Action dated 19 May 2010 are maintained in view of the proposed amendment After Final not entered.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SCARLETT GOON whose telephone number is 571-270-5241. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu 7:00 am - 4 pm and every other Fri 7:00 am - 12 pm.

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